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Applicants: K. KAKI et al.
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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR STORAGE APPARATUS IN WHICH
DIFFERENT ERASE COMMANDS ARE SEQUENTIALLY SENT
TO A PLURALTY OF NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR
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Group: 2185
Examiner: ROJAS, Midys
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION and REMOVAL OF REJECTION DUE TO
UNAVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENT AS A REFERENCE**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 12, 2006, and the Advisory Action dated November 17, 2006, applicants respectfully requested reconsideration and removal of the rejection of claims 1-17, as being unpatentable over USP 5,724,544 to Nishi in view of USP 5,664,145 to Apperley, cited for the first time with the July 12, 2006 Final Office Action. With regard to this request, it is noted that it is being filed together with an Appellant's Brief on even date herewith and a Petition for Extension of Time.

As set forth in the Appellant's Brief, applicants continue to respectfully submit that claims 1-17 are patentable over the combination of Nishi and Apperley. However, in addition to the arguments presented in the Appellant's Brief, applicants